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1. U.S. GOVERNOR'S SPEECH DELIVERED APRIL 22 AS
PER REFTEL WITH ONE MINOR, BUT IMPORTANT EXCEPTION.
2. IN ORAL PRESENTATION TWO SENTENCES WERE INSERTED IN
MIDDLE OF PARAGRAPH 10 DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. INSERTED
WAS QUOTE WE SHARE THE VIEW EXPRESSED HERE YESTERDAY BY
THE DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES THAT OUR CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD
NOT DIVERT US FROM OUR EFFORTS TO MEET BASIC ECONOMIC NEEDS.
WE BELIEVE BOTH GOALS DESERVE OUR SUPPORT. UNQUOTE.
3. FOR WASHINGTON INFO: VIEW EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT
FERDINAND E. MARCOS IN HIS SPEECH OPENING ADB ANNUAL
MEETING WAS: QUOTE IN MANY OF OUR COUNTRIES, THERE IS
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GREAT URGENCY FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO AFFIRM AND GIVE
REAL SUBSTANCE TO OUR AVOWALS IN FAVOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
OUR COUNTRY, OUR PEOPLE, OUR GOVERNMENT AND I MYSELF
ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
WITHOUT ANY CONCRETE EFFORT TO PROVIDE FOR BASIC NEEDS,
AND THE MINIMUM OF HUMAN WELFARE, OUR COMMITMENT TO
HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BECOME, HOWEVER, A FARCE. BUT WE

CANNOT PROCURE OUR DEVELOPMENT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF THOSE WHOM WE ARE, IN THE FIRST PLACE, PLEDGED TO LIBERATE.

THERE CAN BE NO TRADE-OFF OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

OUR NATIONS MUST CLEARLY MOVE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS, COMMITTED TO THEIR ATTAINMENT. AND THIS WE MUST LEARN TO DO NOT INDIVIDUALLY ALONE, BUT IN CONCERT. UNQUOTE. (THESE COMMENTS WERE MADE TOWARD THE END OF SPEECH.) SEE MANILA 6009.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN SPEECHES OF OTHER GOVERNORS, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO "HUMAN NEEDS" AND "SOCIAL ASPECTS".

5. PRESS, ESPECIALLY U.S. PRESS COVERING ADB MEETING HAVE PICKED UP U.S. REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND NOTED OMISSION TO PRINTED COPY OF SPEECH PER PARA 2 ABOVE. REPORTES MAY EXAGGERATE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CHANGE IN FILING THEIR STORIES. DELEGATES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, ON THE OTHER HAND, APPARENTLY HAVE NOTED U.S. COMMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS BUT HAVE SHOWN LITTLE REACTION. SULLIVAN

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